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GERARD SAYS PEACE IS DEEP-SET DESIRE OF GERMAN PEOPLE

Former Ambassador Thinks Teutons' Closer Knit Than Ever Before, May Hold Out a Year.

CONFIDENCE HELD IN U-BOAT POLICY

Recalled Diplomat, Weary From Nerve-Racking Experiences Before Break, Has Fund of Stories.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, March 15.—Peace is the great deep-set wish of the German people today. With grim sturdiness they are enduring hunger and privation, confident that, with their last and most ruthless warfare, the U-boat campaign, an end to the devastating European struggle may soon be accomplished.

These are in substance the items in the report of James W. Gerard, former Ambassador to Germany, to Secretary Lansing and other officials. Despite the food shortage and a tottering financial structure of government, Germany will be able, unless crops fail, to struggle through for another year by application of most drastic self-denial. There is no question, according to Gerard, that the German people are united and determined, as never before, to support their government in a policy of unrestricted submarine warfare. No relaxation can be hoped for unless the U-boat is proved worthless beyond a doubt. When this time arrives peace is immediately before the world.

Gerard has given a summary of his story to Secretary Lansing. He may repeat it to President Wilson before leaving for New York. Should President Wilson, because of illness, be unable to see Gerard, the former Ambassador will return next week.

After submitting his report in full, Gerard will seek rest. He is suffering from a cold of six months duration. He is weary and worn from the nerve-racking experiences of the last few months. Back of his formal recital of political and economic conditions in Germany, Gerard is carrying a story, amazing in its dramatic incidents, lurid in grim details and with all the blood and thunder elements of a modern dime novel.

FOSSET FARM BRINGS \$13,000

Two Pieces of Columbia Property Sell for \$16,500.

A 198 1-2 acre Boone County farm about six miles south of Hallsville, and about fifteen miles northeast of Columbia, was sold recently for \$13,000, or \$65.50 an acre, according to the deed filed yesterday. Alexander Fosset sold the farm to Charles C. Jennings.

James A. Smith sold two lots in Nowell's subdivision of Machir place, which is in the northeast part of Columbia, between the Wabash tracks and Paris road, to P. P. Farris for \$8,500.

Half of one lot and forty-three feet of another, both facing Mathews street between University and Paquin avenues, were sold by Mary Frances Ford to S. O. Pancoast for \$8,000.

EDWARD H. DOWELL, 38, DIES

Funeral Services Will Be Held at Methodist Church Tomorrow.

Edward H. Dowell, 38 years old, died at 9:20 o'clock last night of tuberculosis at his home, 801a Walnut street. Mr. Dowell was a conductor on the interurban line between Lawrence, Kan., and Bonner Springs. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Grace Dowell, who is teller at the Conley-Myers Bank, and a son.

The funeral will be held at the Methodist Church at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. The Rev. C. C. Grimes will officiate. The body will be taken for burial to Lincoln County, where Mr. Dowell was reared.

Sunday School Class to Give Social

Mrs. John Jones' class of girls of the Christian Sunday School will give a social Saturday night in the basement of the church.

Shoe Factory Superintendent Ill.

W. H. Braselton, superintendent of the Hamilton-Brown Shoe Factory, is ill with quinsy at his home, 116 Westwood avenue.

THE CALENDAR

March 15.—Assembly address at 7:30 o'clock in University Auditorium by Prof. Frank L. Martin on "Some Conditions in Journalism Today."
March 15.—Pianoforte Recital by Basil Gauntlett's students, Stephens College Auditorium at 8 o'clock.
March 16.—Columbia High School Carnival in the afternoon and evening.
March 16.—Intercollegiate Prohibition League Oratorical Contest, Y. M. C. A. Building 7:30 o'clock.
March 17.—St. Pat's Parade at 7 o'clock.
March 28.—"The Silver Box," a play under the auspices of the University Dramatic Club at 8:15 p. m. in the University Auditorium.
April 10.—Address by Dr. C. A. Ellwood on "Christianity and the World Crisis," in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium at 8:45 o'clock.
April 20.—Address by Dr. C. A. Ellwood on "Christianity and the Healing of the Nations," in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium at 8:45 o'clock.
March 29.—Vaudeville by Twelfth Night Club of Christian College in college auditorium at 8:15 o'clock.
March 31.—Vaudeville matinee by Twelfth Night Club of Christian College in college auditorium at 8:15 o'clock.

135 CASES ARE SET

April Session of Circuit Court to Open With Many Suits From Last Term.

There are 135 cases on the docket for the April term of the Boone County Circuit Court. The final limit for filing is Saturday. Sixty-two of the cases are continued from last term.

Eighteen divorce suits are on the docket and several damage suits have been filed. Other cases will probably be placed on the docket before Saturday, according to R. S. Pollard, deputy circuit clerk and there will be more state cases to be tried in this term of court.

The Wabash Railway Company is defendant in a \$2,500 suit for damages brought by Mrs. Bell Pigg of Hallsville. Wells Fargo & Co. is being sued for \$1,250 damages by A. O. Boyd, who claims he did not receive a show hog, valued at this amount shipped to him.

The case of Gladys Hendricks vs. B. S. Uden is for slander. The plaintiff asks for \$10,000 damages. The parties in the suit live near Shaw east of Columbia. Zula E. Wilson is suing Pope Y. Woods for \$10,000 damages for slander. Both live near Sturgeon. Mrs. Hattie L. Ratliff is suing the City of Centralia and the Mexico Power Company for \$10,000 for the death of her husband who was killed in Centralia several weeks ago when he touched a live wire while at work.

Among the important cases continued from the last term of court is the \$10,000 damage suit of Mrs. Annie Forsee vs. Garth Clinkscales. Mrs. Forsee's husband, Charles Forsee, was killed last fall when an Ash street sewer ditch in which he was working, caved in.

W. H. Morgan and others of Harrisburg are the defendants in two damage suits filed by Ishmel Keith and Nora Keith for \$2,000 each.

Of the state cases continued from last term, eight are for violations of the local option law and one for burglary. Crap-shooting is the charge in others.

MASONS PLAN A NEW CONCLAVE

Red Cross of Constantine Will Be Organized Here Saturday.

A conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine, the oldest of the Masonic orders of Christian knighthood, will be organized at Acacia Hall Saturday afternoon.

Many of the grand officers of the order from Kansas City and Chicago are expected to be present for the initiation ceremonies. The new conclave will have Central Missouri for its field and will draw members from all the neighboring communities. According to Dr. John Pickard, it is not the desire of the Red Cross to have large conclaves.

The initiation ceremonies will begin at 4 o'clock, and at 7 o'clock a banquet will be served by the members of Thilo Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. The wives of the members of the new conclave will also attend the banquet.

Son of R. B. Caldwell Dies.

The infant son of R. B. Caldwell of Kansas City president of the Missouri Union, died today. Mr. Caldwell received his A. B. degree here in 1903 and his LL.B. degree in 1907. Mrs. Caldwell was Miss McCune, a former student in the University and a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Miss Babb Gave Recital Last Night.

Miss Marian Babb gave a piano recital in the Auditorium of Stephens College Wednesday evening. Miss Zella McCristy assisted with a reading.

RAIL MEN PREPARE TO TALK OR FIGHT

Brotherhoods and Managers Trying to Reach an Agreement Today.

STRIKE CALL IS OUT

Unless Settlement Is Made, Walkout Will Begin Saturday Night.

By United Press
NEW YORK, March 15.—The representatives of the railway brotherhoods, after a 3-hour conference, went to the Grand Central Terminal at 4 o'clock and again went into the managers' conference room. Newspaper men asked for a statement tentatively promised them this morning, but the closing of the doors of the conference chamber was the only reply.

By United Press
NEW YORK, March 15.—Directly opposite in moods, the brotherhoods' representatives are today ready to fight their managers and to offer compromises. The opposing factions in the grave crisis, confronting the railroads of the country, went into conference at 11:30 o'clock this morning. The brotherhoods, it is said, are preparing to force the 8-hour day issue and call the first section of the strike at 6 o'clock Saturday evening.

Realizing that the strength of the combined brotherhoods must be shown at this time, the representatives of the Big Four marched into the conference room at the Grand Central Terminal and presented to the managers a copy of the resolution passed at the recent meeting in Chicago, giving the brotherhood chiefs the right to call a strike. At 12:35 o'clock the meeting adjourned, and the conferring factions went to luncheon.

W. G. Lee of the brotherhoods' faction told newspaper men that there would be nothing given out until 4 o'clock, when adjournment may be taken. A compromise on the basis of a raise in wages, it is said, but with no reference to the 8-hour day feature, may be offered by the managers. It was not thought probable that the men would agree to any such arrangement, because one of the most important features of their demands is the 8-hour day. The brotherhoods, according to gossip about the conference door, are in the final stages of their demands. Unless they force the railroad heads immediately to make concessions, prominent officials believe they must face the prospect of seeing a split in their own ranks, thus giving the railroads the advantage of dealing with each brotherhood as a separate organization.

Five Roads Issue Embargo.

By United Press
CHICAGO, March 15.—Five railroads entering Chicago placed embargos on livestock and perishable shipments, which will not reach their destinations before the time set for the strike order to go into effect. The roads are the Baltimore & Ohio, Southern Railway, Illinois Central, Big Four and the Frisco.

These roads have also put in force the "damage waiver" restriction on all dead freight received by them. They will not carry freight unless shippers agree to waive possible damage through delays or non-delivery. The Rock Island will issue no embargo orders at this time, it was stated. Developments will influence further actions. According to D. L. Bush, vice-president of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, officials of western roads will meet here either late today or tomorrow to determine what action will be taken in regard to issuance of embargos on western roads.

REVIVAL TO BEGIN MARCH 25

The Rev. T. W. Young and D. Donaldson to Conduct Baptist Services.
Evangelistic services at the Baptist Church will be begun March 25, by the Rev. T. W. Young, pastor of the church. He will be assisted in the meetings by D. Davidson, an evangelistic singer from Solomon, Kan. Mr. Davidson will have charge of a large chorus to be organized for the services. The meetings will continue until Easter Sunday.

Miss Willa Buck Resigns as Matron.

Miss Willa Buck, who has acted as matron at Parker Memorial Hospital for the last two years, has resigned. She left this morning for Liberty, where she will have a similar position at the Odd Fellows State Orphan's Home.

71 COLUMBIANS JOIN RED CROSS CHAPTER

Nation Awakening to Need of Organization, Dr. W. W. Elwang Says.

2 KINDS OF SERVICE

Military and Civil Branches Offer Field for Both Trained and Unskilled.

"Aroused by the imminent possibilities of war, 300,000 citizens of the United States have awakened to their country's need of Red Cross organization and equipment," said Dr. W. W. Elwang in addressing the Commercial Club at its luncheon today. "Columbia is going to do her part, as usual. Already 71 persons have paid memberships in the local chapter, now being organized, and we are expecting at least 150 very soon."

Doctor Elwang explained that in case the United States is drawn into the war, its part must necessarily be small and confined largely to naval activities. "But even in this case," he said, "we are unready. The single hospital ship which the United States has would be swamped should the navy have any considerable engagement."

"Until six weeks ago this country numbered but 30,000 persons in its Red Cross Society. Japan, with practically the same needs, had nearly two millions of members and an endowment of \$13,000,000."

The American Red Cross society is incorporated by Congress and makes regular reports to the War Department. The President of the United States is president of the American society.

There are two branches of the work: the military and the civil. In the wide range of work done by the organization, Doctor Elwang said there is opportunity for every man, woman and child to do his part in the country's need. The work ranges from trained service such as that of surgeons, nurses, accountants and others to that of hospital servants, and aid through local chapters.

Conspicuous instances of service pointed out by the speaker are: San Francisco disaster and the Ohio floods. The society has taken part in no less than eighty relief expeditions since its founding, and has spent \$14,000,000 in the work.

The work of a local chapter consists mainly in aid in organizing local interests in case of an emergency and in taking charge until a national representative of the society arrives. Local chapters collect funds, supply equipment, and gain the co-operation of local civic interests. Membership in the organization obligates no one, it was explained, and merely registers one's willingness to help.

"I find the impression prevalent," Doctor Elwang said, "that membership in the Red Cross bodies entails responsibilities equivalent to enlistment in the army. There is absolutely no obligation other than the payment of dues."

Annual membership fee in the society is \$1, though larger amounts are accepted. A "subscribing membership" of \$2 brings to members the monthly publication of the society. Half the membership fees are retained by local chapters for work at home; the other half becomes part of an endowment fund used by the national body.

Eight men who were present at the luncheon made applications for membership to Dr. J. C. Whitten, chairman of the membership committee of the local organization. Most of the men present already had become members, Doctor Whitten said.

Sing Sing Prisoners Hit by H. C. of L.

By United Press
OSSINING, N. Y., March 15.—Sing Sing prisoners today are feeling the effects of the high cost of living. In the past, potatoes and onions were a regular part of the daily menu; now however, the chef is feeding the inmates rice and macaroni in place of these high priced foods to reduce the cost of feeding the 1,500 prisoners. Instructions have also been issued forbidding the men's receiving bread at any time outside of the specified meal hours.

Farmers' Fair to Be Friday, May 4.

Farmers' Fair will be held Friday, May 4. This date was chosen so that visitors here for High School Day will have a chance to see the fair.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and Vicinity: Rain tonight and Friday; somewhat warmer tonight; temperature between 35 and 40. Increasing east to southerly winds, becoming fresh to strong.

For Missouri: Rain or snow north and rain south portion tonight and Friday; warmer tonight; colder west portion Friday. Fresh to strong winds Friday.

Shippers' Forecast: Prepare shipments within a radius of 200 miles of Columbia to withstand temperatures as follows: North, 32; West, East, and South above freezing.

Weather Conditions.
A low pressure wave of considerable development covers the southwestern section of the country this morning; and as its indicated route is northeastward it will likely become the controlling influence during the next thirty-six hours in most of the Plains and lower Mississippi Valley.
The weather is warm and cloudy in Texas, Louisiana, and Florida but elsewhere it is rather raw and cold.
There is no pleasant spring weather in sight for Columbia any time soon.

Local Data.
The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 45, and the lowest last night was 29; precipitation, .00; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday, 56 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 51, and the lowest 20; precipitation, .16.

The Almanac.
Sun rose today, 6:20 a. m. Sun sets, 6:16 p. m.
Moon rises 12:29 a. m.

The Temperatures Today.
7 a. m. 29 11 a. m. 42
9 a. m. 30 12 m. 45
9 a. m. 33 1 p. m. 49
10 a. m. 37 2 p. m. 51

CORPORATION BILL PASSES

Allows One Company to Own More Than 10 Per cent of Another's Stock.

The bill amending Sections 56 and 74 of the Public Service Commission Act of 1913 has been passed by the General Assembly, according to information received by Victor B. Jones, secretary of the Columbia Commercial Club. It is expected the governor will sign it as it is an administration measure.

The sections amended deal with the sale or franchises of stock and the approval of transfers or franchises. Heretofore, no public service corporation could buy or obtain possession of more than 10 per cent of the stock of another such corporation, with the exceptions of cases of debt and previous ownership; now it will be possible for one corporation to own more than 10 per cent of another, if the Public Service Commission will consent to such transfer. This means that foreign capital will be free to invest in Missouri, and that one corporation may help another by buying its stock and thus becoming part owner.

About twenty-five commercial clubs from all parts of the state supported the bill. The bill originated here, but another, very similar was introduced by a senator from another part of the state.

Much credit is due Representative W. H. Sapp, Mr. Jones thinks for putting this amendment through the Legislature. Senator Bates of Joplin had much to do with pushing the bill through the senate.

DISCUSSES "EVENTS OF 1861"

Mrs. L. E. Hill Leads Meeting of United Daughters of Confederacy.

Mrs. S. E. Smith, and Mrs. W. E. Smith were hostesses at the meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy yesterday afternoon. Mrs. L. E. Hill was the leader. The meeting opened with a short business meeting in which plans for the October convention were discussed. After the business meeting the following papers on "Events of 1861" were read: "Bombardment of Fort Sumpter," Mrs. L. E. Hill; "Lincoln's Call for 75,000 Volunteers to Coerce the South," Mrs. S. B. Searcy; "The Secession of Virginia," Miss Lena Hoberecht; "The Baltimore Riot Where the First Blood Was Shed," Mrs. S. H. Levy; "Why the Confederate Capitol Was Moved From Richmond to Montgomery, Ala.," Mrs. J. M. Batterson.

The next meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will be April 26 with Mrs. S. H. Levy, 208 South Eighth street. Mrs. Harry Keene will be the leader for the evening.

ANOTHER BRITISH SHIP DOWN

Sagamore, Leaving Boston With a Food Cargo, Is Reported Sunk.

By United Press
BOSTON, March 15.—The Sagamore, a British ship of 5,197 tons, which sailed from here February 21 with a food cargo for Liverpool, has been sunk, according to word received today. No mention of the nature of the sinking was made.

3 Americans on U-Boat Victim Saved.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, March 15.—Six lives were lost, but the three Americans aboard were saved when a German submarine sank the British steamer Momnon Dekar on March 12 without warning.

ARMY OVERTHROWS CZAR'S GOVERNMENT IN RUSSIAN REVOLT

Aim of Revolution Is to Drive Out of Power Pro-German Officials Who Hinder Nation in War.

DUMA RULES AFTER 3 DAYS' FIGHTING

Premier and Minister Captured—Provisional Control Established in Moscow and Petrograd—Houses Fired.

By United Press
BERLIN, March 15.—An executive committee of the Russian Duma has accomplished a successful revolution in Russia, imprisoned all ministers and are now in control of the government, according to an "official statement from Petrograd," issued by the official press bureau today.

The Czar May Abdicate.

LONDON, March 15.—Revolution has succeeded in Russia. The Czar may abdicate. The Duma and army, or at least a powerful element in both, have overthrown the government. The objective was to drive out of power forever the pro-German officers who, since the start of the war, have been reported as hindering Russia from full participation with the Entente against Germany.

Three days of intermittent fighting preceded the ascension of the revolutionists into full control. A dispatch from the Russian capital says that the Czar's ministers have been captured, including the premier and the minister of the interior. The latter two were released later.

The provisional government is said to have established governmental committees at Petrograd and Moscow.

Many houses were burned in Moscow and Petrograd during the three days of fighting.

That the revolution has been a success is indicated in the establishing of a provisional government branch in the two leading cities of the nation. The bridge over the river at Petrograd has been blown up. The Duma elements which have succeeded in overthrowing the last monarchy of today are democratic as opposed to the absolutism of the autocracy.

NO FLOATS IN ST. PAT'S PARADE

Students Will March by Classes—to Knight Two of Faculty.

The parade of the St. Pat's day celebration tomorrow night will have no floats. It will consist only of a procession of the School of Engineering. Starting at 7 o'clock from University avenue at Ninth street, the procession will march to Hitt street, on Hitt street to Broadway, on Broadway to Ninth street, on Ninth street to Elm street, on Elm street to Eighth street, and to the campus, where the knight-ing ceremony will be held.

Two members of the University engineering faculty and two graduates of the School of Engineering before the time of St. Patrick at the University of Missouri, will be knighted. The feature of the parade will be the method of illumination.

One thousand Shamrocks have been printed and will be on sale at the Missouri Store and Co-Op early Saturday morning. The Shamrocks will contain fifty more pages than in previous years. The engineering laboratories will be open from 8 to 12 o'clock tomorrow night.

SENATE APPROVES C. T. GRAYSON

Wilson's Personal Physician Is Made Medical Inspector of Navy.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, March 15.—C. T. Grayson, former assistant surgeon of the navy, President Wilson's personal physician, was confirmed as medical inspector of the Navy, with a rank of rear admiral, by the Senate this afternoon.

St. Louis Flower Show Opens Today.

By United Press
ST. LOUIS, March 15.—The St. Louis flower show opened at the First Regiment Armory today. Beautiful girls, dressed in the richest spring gowns, featured the show. Florists said today that many women do not buy flowers because they do not know how to wear them properly. The models were introduced to educate the women in the art of wearing flowers.